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Dear XXXX

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (hereafter “Board”) recently completed its review and adoption of amendments to its General Policy Number 0334 entitled “Maintenance of Timber Supply.” Among other items, this policy includes discussion of California’s wood product consumption and production, wood fiber utilization, zoning designations, and tax treatment for timberlands. Like other adopted policies, the purpose of this Board policy is to provide a guiding framework from which the Board’s timber supply-related regulatory and policy initiatives may emanate.

The Board’s intention in amending this policy was in part to ensure that it reflects contemporary conditions. It is for this reason that the Board included discussion of the state’s consumption and production of wood products. The policy also now reflects the most current information on increases in timber inventories and the utilization of wood residue in manufacturing. Lastly, the Board included a more specific acknowledgement of the growing role for conservation easements in the management of timberlands. Rather than being identified as incompatible with the management of private and state owned forests, the Board views conservation easements as potentially complementary and consistent with the “Timberland Production” zoning (TPZ) designation.

The Board is pleased to share its policy perspective on the state’s timber resources and timberlands. A copy of the newly amended policy is enclosed and the Board would appreciate any comments you may have upon its review and consideration. Questions or comments may be directed to the Board’s Executive Officer, George Gentry at 916-653-8007 or [george.gentry@fire.ca.gov](mailto:george.gentry@fire.ca.gov).

Respectfully,

Stan L. Dixon, Chairman  
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

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